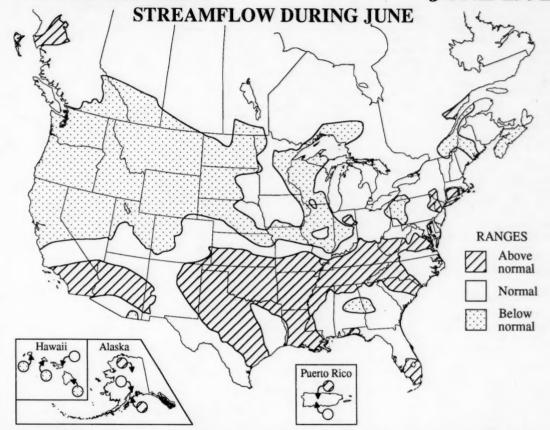
# **National** Water **Conditions**

UNITED STATES Department of the Interior Geological Survey

CANADA Department of the Environment Water Resources Branch

## **JUNE 1992**



Drought continues to affect California and has become severe in the Pacific Northwest, but flooding occurred in parts of Connecticut,

Virginia, Kentucky, Florida, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

Streamflow decreased from that for May at 100 index stations, remained the same at 6 index stations, and increased at 76 index stations, streamflow decreased from that for May at 100 index stations, remained the same at 6 index stations, and increased at 76 index stations, resulting in normal to above-normal range streamflow at 62 percent of the 192 reporting index stations in the United States, southern Canada, and Puerto Rico during the month, compared with 49 percent of stations in those ranges during May, and 74 percent of stations in those ranges

Below-normal range streamflow occurred in 36 percent of the area of the conterminous United States and southern Canada during June, compared with 49 percent during May, and 15 percent (revised) during June 1991. Total flow of 821,500 cubic feet per second (ft3/s) during June for the 174 reporting index stations in the conterminous United States and southern Canada was 20 percent below median, 13 percent less than last month, and 21 percent less than flow during June 1991.

New June extremes occurred at 9 index stations—7 new minimums (at stations in California, Washington, Idaho, and Oregon) and 2 new maximums (at stations in New Mexico and Arizona)—compared with 11 new minimums and 2 new maximums during May.

The combined flow of the 3 largest rivers in the lower 48 States—Mississippi, St. Lawrence, and Columbia—averaged 1,017,000 ft3/s, 25 percent below median and in the below-normal range, after an 11 percent decrease in flow from May to June. Flow of the St. Lawrence River was in the normal range for the 13th consecutive month. Flow of the Mississippi River was in the normal range after two months in the belownormal range. Flow of the Columbia River was in the below-normal range for the second consecutive month, after three consecutive months in

Month-end index reservoir contents were in the below-average range at 34 of 100 reporting sites, compared with 31 of 100 at the end of May, and 35 of 100 at the end of June 1991, including most reservoirs in Nova Scotia, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, California and the Colorado River Storage Project.

Mean June elevations at four master gages on the Great Lakes (provisional National Ocean Service data) were in the normal range and also below median except on Lake Ontario. Levels rose from those for May on Lake Superior, remained the same as those for May on Lake Huron and Lake Erie, and rose on Lake Ontario.

Utah's Great Salt Lake fell 0.40 foot, ending the month at 4,201.30 feet above National Geodetic Vertical Datum. Lake level was 1.40 feet lower than at the end of May 1991, and 10.55 feet lower than the maximum of record which occurred in June 1986 and March-April 1987.

### **SURFACE-WATER CONDITIONS DURING JUNE 1992**

Graphs showing drought conditions for the Pacific Northwest and California are on pages 6-9, and more information on the California drought situation is given on page 30. The Governor of Montana requested drought-disaster-relief designation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 12 counties as of June 23. State fire danger ranges from high to extremely high. The June 14-18 rains provided some relief in central, south-central, and eastern Montana, but streamflow for the month ranged from 12 to 69 percent of normal. In Wyoming, June streamflow was generally much below normal. Rain in southern Wyoming and northern Colorado on or about June 8, however, contributed to some increased runoff. Heavy rain in the Mayoworth, Buffalo, and Sheridan areas June 14 and 15 caused some minor flooding and road damage.

On June 5-6, heavy rains associated with a small, intense low-pressure system fell on south-central and central Connecticut. As much as 7.76 inches fell in Cheshire and 10.0 inches in North Branford. One person was killed in Plainville and 39 businesses and homes were flooded in Southington. On June 5, a peak of record, about equal to the 100-year flood, occurred on Walker Creek at Bane (Giles County), Virginia, in the southwestern part of the State about 40 miles west of Roanoke. The peak was caused by apparently locally heavy rains as a strong frontal system moved across the State. On June 18, high winds and locally heavy rains occurred in central and northern Kentucky. Localized flooding occurred in Washington County as a result of heavy rains-up to 5 inches in a few hours in some areas. Fredericktown was especially hard hit by waters from Cartwright Creek. Damage in Washington County was estimated at \$1.25 million to farm buildings, roads, and bridges, \$1 million to machinery, and \$1.1 million from land erosion. On June 24-25, a slow-moving tropical depression crossed over the west-central Florida counties of Manatee, Sarasota, and De Soto. Total rainfall from 5 p.m. on June 24 until 5 p.m. on June 28 totaled 24 inches in Venice, 16 inches in Bradenton, 12 inches in Myakka City, 8 inches in Arcadia, and 6 inches in Wauchula (recorded by the National Weather Service). Many of the flooding problems associated with the heavy rains were in the Horse Creek basin, where a 5-year recurrence interval flood occurred; 2year floods occurred in most other basins in the area. More than 5,000 people were evacuated in west-central Florida because of the high water. In South Dakota, several intense, localized thunderstorms throughout the last half of June caused substantial runoff in several basins, personal injuries, and extensive damage to personal property, crops, and livestock.

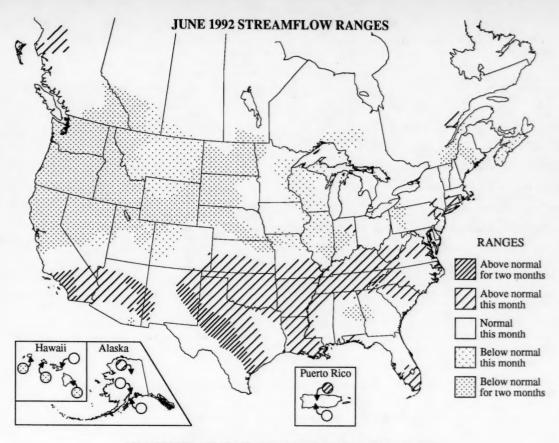
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June levels at four master gages on the Great Lakes ranged from 0.13 foot higher (Lake Superior) to 0.16 foot lower (Lake Ontario) than those for May. Monthly means have now been in the normal range for 9 months on Lake Superior, 25 months on Lake Huron, 15 months on Lake Erie, and 4 months on Lake Ontario. June 1992 levels ranged from 0.03 foot (Lake Superior) to 0.63 foot lower (Lake Ontario), than those for June 1991. Stage hydrographs for the master gages on Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, and Lake Ontario are on page 14.

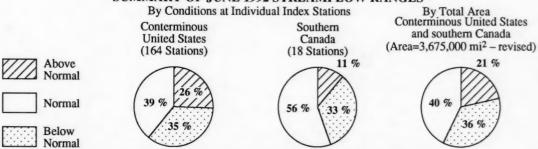
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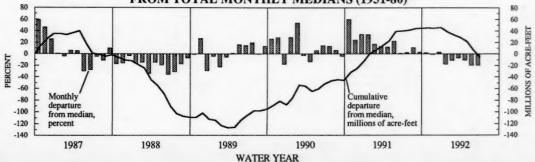
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### SUMMARY OF JUNE 1992 STREAMFLOW RANGES



### MONTHLY AND CUMULATIVE DEPARTURE OF TOTAL MONTHLY MEANS FROM TOTAL MONTHLY MEDIANS (1951-80)



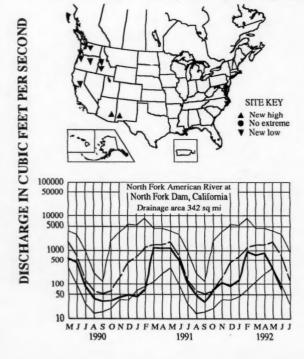
### NEW EXTREMES DURING JUNE 1992 AT STREAMFLOW INDEX STATIONS

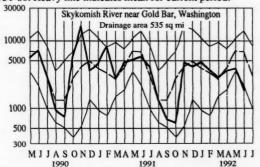
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|----------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----|--|
| Station  | Stream and place of determination                             | Drainage<br>area<br>(square<br>miles) | Years<br>of<br>record | Monthly<br>mean<br>in cfs<br>(year)        | Daily<br>mean<br>in cfs<br>(year) | Monthly<br>mean<br>in cfs | Percent<br>of<br>median | Daily<br>mean<br>in cfs | Day |  |
|          |   | I                                     | OW FLO                | WS   |                                   |                           |                         |                         |     |  |
| 11427000 | North Fork American River at North Fork<br>Dam, California    | 342                                   | 50                    | 95.4<br>(1976)                             | 45.0<br>(1977)                    | 72.7                      | 10                      | 45.0                    | 30  |  |
| 12134500 | Skykomish River near Gold Bar, Washington                     | 535                                   | 63                    | 2,169<br>(1941)                            | 1,360<br>(1940)                   | 1,870                     | 28                      | 1,200                   | 28  |  |
| 13269000 | Snake River at Weiser, Idaho                                  | 69,200                                | 81                    | 7,168<br>(1977)                            | 4,570<br>(1977)                   | 15,710                    | 24                      | 14,520                  | 7   |  |
| 13317000 | Salmon River at White Bird, Idaho                             | 13,550                                | 79                    | 9,430<br>(1987)                            | 3,230<br>(1984)                   | 8,910                     | 21                      | 6,590                   | 26  |  |
| 14046500 | John Day River at Service Creek, Oregon                       | 5,090                                 | 63                    | 416<br>(1931)                              | 169<br>(1940)                     | 306                       | 13                      | 178                     | 11  |  |
| 14191000 | Willamette River (adjusted) at Salem, Oregon                  | 7,280                                 | 75                    | 5,065<br>(1940)                            | 3,630<br>(1940)                   | 4,066                     | 34                      | 5,400                   | 23  |  |
| 14301500 | Wilson River near Tillamook, Oregon                           | 161                                   | 61                    | 164<br>(1982)                              | 110<br>(1967)                     | 117                       | 42                      | 82.0                    | 28  |  |
|          |   | H                                     | IGH FLO               | WS   |                                   |                           |                         |                         |     |  |
| 09430500 | Gila River near Gila, New Mexico                              | 1,864                                 | 64                    | 167<br>(1973)                              | 536<br>(1952)                     | 218                       | 494                     | 602                     | 1   |  |
| 09448500 | Gila River at Head of Safford Valley near<br>Solomon, Arizona | 7,896                                 | 77                    | 388<br>(1973)                              | 1,280<br>(1952)                   | 753                       | 1,394                   | 2,456                   | 1   |  |

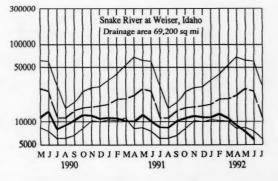
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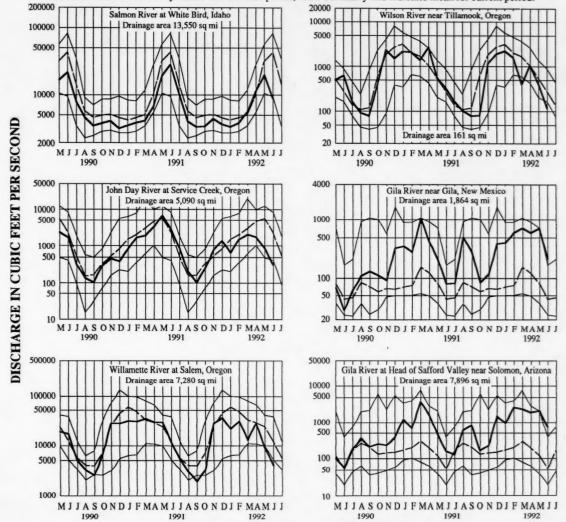






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Maps on page 15 show streamflow conditions during June 1992 and June 1991. June 1992 has about 31 percent more area in the above-normal range, about 140 percent more area in the below-normal range, and about 38 percent less area in the normal range than June 1991. Below-normal range streamflow occurred during both months in parts of California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, Quebec, Maine, and Nova Scotia. Above-normal range streamflow occurred during both months in parts of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, the Carolinas, and Virginia. Both maps also show reservoir storage near the end of the month at all reporting index reservoir stations for comparison with streamflow.

Graphs for 12 hydrologic areas compare monthly streamflow for the 1991 and 1992 water years with median monthly streamflow for 1951-80 (page 16) and also show (page 17) monthly percent departure of streamflow from median for the 1987-92 water years. Streamflow increased from that for May in the Florida and Gulf of Mexico, Missouri River, Southern Great Plains and Rio

Grande, and Pacific Slope basins, and decreased in the other eight basins. Streamflow was above median in the Atlantic Slope, Florida and Gulf of Mexico, Ohio River, and also the Southern Great Plains and Rio Grande basins, and below median in the other eight basins.

Maps on page 18 show streamflow conditions for spring 1992 and spring 1991. Spring 1992 has 55 percent less area in the above-normal range, 120 percent more area in the below-normal range, and about 22 percent less area in the normal range than spring 1991. Below-normal range streamflow occurred in both months in parts of California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alberta, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. Above-normal range streamflow occurred during both months in parts of Alaska, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, North Carolina, and Quebec. Both maps also show reservoir storage near the end of June at all reporting index reservoir stations for comparison with streamflow.

# LOCATION OF NATIONAL WATER CONDITIONS STREAMFLOW INDEX STATIONS



### PACIFIC NORTHWEST (OREGON, WASHINGTON, IDAHO, AND MONTANA) STREAMFLOW

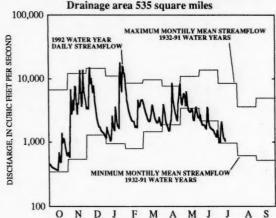
The drought-plagued Pacific Northwest was warmer and drier than usual until the end of June. Higher-than-normal precipitation near the end of June was "too little, too late." The drought is causing water purveyors to impose water-use restrictions, and is generating heated debates about allocating available water for irrigation or protection of fisheries resources. Southern available water for irrigation or protection of lisheries resources. Southern and eastern Oregon are particularly hard hit. Dennis Gettman, a National Weather Service meteorologist stationed in Medford, stated that "This particular period, starting in 1984, is, for Medford, the driest 7-year period since we began taking records in 1911." Farmers in the Klamath Basin in Oregon are facing deeper cuts in an already diminished irrigation supply. Portland, Oregon, followed the lead of Seattle by imposing mandatory restrictions on use of water from the city's supply reservoirs. The restricted use affects a large number of users because several surrounding water districts depend on supply from Parkland's Pull Pur vertexpland. districts depend on supply from Portland's Bull Run watershed.

The drought has eased slightly in northern Washington and Idaho because of June rains, but the southern portions of those States are still very dry. According to the "Idaho Statesman" newspaper, the major irrigation delivery systems that divert water from the Boise River will be forced to turn off water to irrigators in mid-August. Reservoir storage in the Boise basin at the

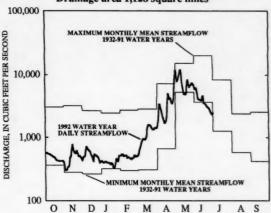
end of June was about 22 percent of capacity.

In north-central Washington, the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District is diverting water from the Similkameen River into Osoyoos Lake for the first time since the 1987 drought year. Total storage in the Yakima Basin in central Washington was about 69 percent of average at the end of June. Estimates are that junior water rights holders will receive only 58 percent of their normal demand.

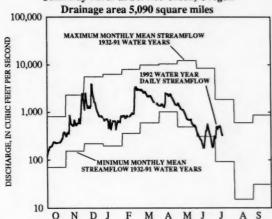
### Skykomish River near Goldbar, Washington Drainage area 535 square miles



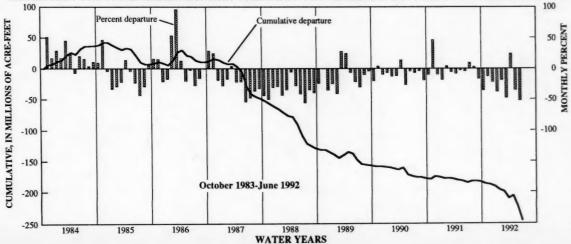
### Middle Fork Flathead River near West Glacier, Montana Drainage area 1,128 square miles



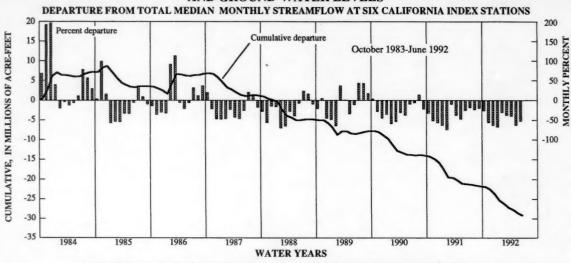
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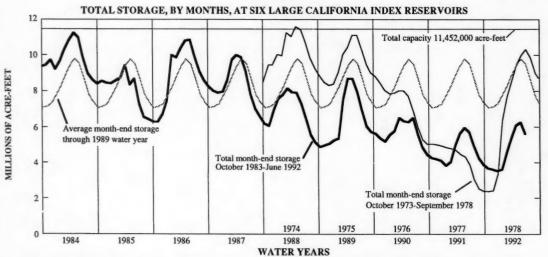


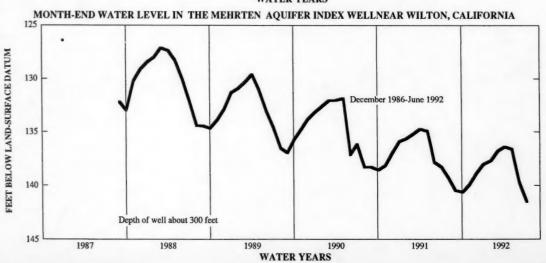
### DEPARTURE FROM TOTAL MEDIAN MONTHLY STREAMFLOW AT SIXTEEN PACIFIC NORTHWEST INDEX STATIONS



# CALIFORNIA STREAMFLOW, COMBINED RESERVOIR CONTENTS, AND GROUND-WATER LEVELS

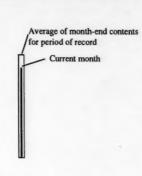


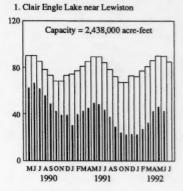


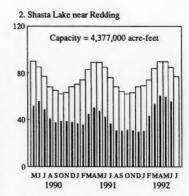


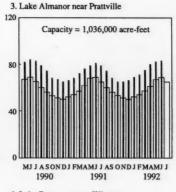
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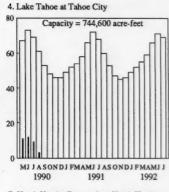


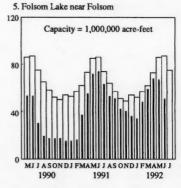


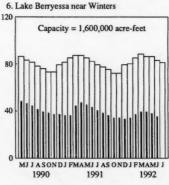


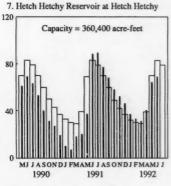


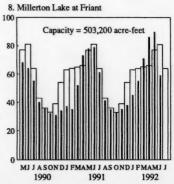


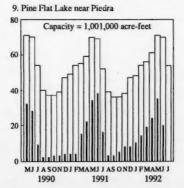


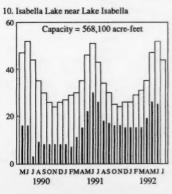








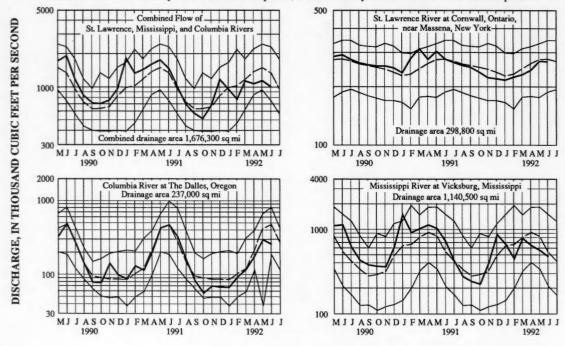




PERCENT OF NORMAL CAPACITY

### HYDROGRAPHS FOR THE "BIG THREE" RIVERS

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Provisional data; subject to revision

### DISSOLVED SOLIDS AND WATER TEMPERATURES, FOR JUNE 1992, AT DOWNSTREAM SITES ON FIVE LARGE RIVERS

| Station<br>number Station name |  | June St<br>data of dist<br>Station name following du |                                | Dissolve               | ed-solids              | Dissolv            | ed-solids dis                | Water temperature <sup>2</sup> |                           |                       |                       |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                |  | calendar<br>years                                    | month<br>Mean<br>(cfs)         | Mini-<br>mum<br>(mg/L) | Maxi-<br>mum<br>(mg/L) | Mean (             | Mini-<br>mum<br>tons per day | Maxi-<br>mum                   | Mean<br>in °C             | Mini-<br>mum<br>in °C | Maxi-<br>mum<br>in °C |
| 01463500                       | Delaware River at Trenton,<br>New Jersey, (Morrisville,<br>Pennsylvania)   | 1992<br>1945-91<br>(Extreme yr)                      | 14,860<br>9,610<br>47,176      | 69<br>60<br>(1945)     | 110<br>143<br>(1965)   | 3,480<br>32,606    | 1,670<br>495<br>(1965)       | 7,160<br>22,100<br>(1973)      | 20.5<br><sup>3</sup> 23.0 | 16.0<br>13.5          | 24.5<br>34.0          |
| 07289000                       | Mississippi River at<br>Vicksburg, Mississippi   | 1992<br>1976-91<br>(Extreme yr)                      | 482,300<br>668,500<br>4546,500 | 207<br>176<br>(1981)   | 258<br>330<br>(1988)   | 318,200<br>310,000 | 248,800<br>34,400<br>(1978)  | 375,400<br>837,000<br>(1984)   | 23.0<br>21.0              | 19.0<br>17.0          | 26.0<br>31.0          |
| 03612500                       | Ohio River at lock and dam 53,<br>near Grand Chain, Illinois,<br>(streamflow station at Metropolis,<br>Illinois) | 1992<br>1955-91<br>(Extreme yr)                      | 193,000<br>220,400<br>4175,700 | 172<br>111<br>(1974)   | 236<br>300<br>(1970)   | •••                | 68,700<br>27,000<br>(1977)   | 180,000<br>731,000<br>(1983)   |                           | 19.0<br>16.5          | 23.5<br>30.5          |
| 06934500                       | Missouri River at Hermann,<br>Missouri. (60 miles west of<br>St. Louis, Missouri)                                | 1992<br>1976-91<br>(Extreme yr)                      | 59,200<br>116,100<br>486,260   | 365<br>207<br>(1977)   | 433<br>499<br>(1988)   | 65,400<br>104,000  | 53,400<br>44,000<br>(1977)   | 85,300<br>215,000<br>(1984)    | 25.0<br>25.0              | 23.0<br>19.0          | 28.0<br>29.5          |
| 14128910                       | Columbia River at<br>Oregon (streamflow station at<br>The Dalles, Oregon)  | 1992<br>1976-91<br>(Extreme yr)                      | 181,000<br>252,900<br>4481,150 | 79<br>61<br>(1976)     | 88<br>107<br>(1977)    | 40,500<br>54,800   | 31,500<br>19,100<br>(1977)   | 45,600<br>103,000<br>(1983)    | 17.5<br>16.0              | 16.5<br>12.5          | 19.5<br>19.5          |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Dissolved-solids concentrations, when not analyzed directly, are calculated on basis of measurements of specific conductance.

 $<sup>{}^{2}\</sup>text{To convert} {}^{\circ}\text{C to} {}^{\circ}\text{F}$ :  $[(1.8 \times {}^{\circ}\text{C}) + 32] = {}^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Mean for 8-year period (1983-91).

<sup>4</sup>Median of monthly values for 30-year reference period, water years 1951-80, for comparison with data for current month.

† Below-normal range

### FLOW OF LARGE RIVERS DURING JUNE 1992

|                   |  |                   | discharge<br>through<br>September<br>1985<br>(cubic | June 1992                              |                                    |  |                    |                               |      |  |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------------|------|--|
| Station<br>number |  | Drainage<br>area  |   | Monthly<br>mean<br>discharge<br>(cubic | Percent<br>of<br>median<br>monthly | Change in<br>discharge<br>from<br>previous |                    | scharge near                  |      |  |
|                   | Stream and place of determination  | (square<br>miles) | feet per<br>second)                                 | feet per<br>second)                    | discharge<br>1951–80               | month<br>(percent)                         | feet per<br>second | Million<br>gallons<br>per day | Date |  |
| 1014000           | St. John River below Fish River at Fort Kent, Maine                          | 5,665             | 9,758   | 9,372                                  | 99                                 | -60  | 13,500             | 8,730                         | 30   |  |
| 1318500           | Hudson River at Hadley, New York   | 1,664             | 2,908   | 2,690                                  | 130                                | -45  | 850                | 549                           | 30   |  |
| 1357500           | Mohawk River at Cohoes, New York   | 3,456             | 5,683   | 4,070                                  | 154                                | -30  | 1,300              | 840                           | 30   |  |
| 1463500           | Delaware River at Trenton, New Jersey  | 6,780             | 11,670  | * 14,860                               | 207                                | 61   | 6,090              | 3,940                         | 30   |  |
| 1570500           | Susquehanna River at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania                                | 24,100            | 34,340  | 21,820                                 | 117                                | -25  | 9,960              | 6,440                         | 30   |  |
| 1646500           | Potomac River near Washington, District of Columbia                          | 11,560            | 111,500   | 19,650                                 | 127                                | -28  | ***                | ***                           | ***  |  |
| 2105500           | Cape Fear River at William O. Huske Lock,<br>near Tarheel, North Carolina.   | 4,852             | 5,002   | 4,420                                  | 174                                | 144  | ***                | ***                           | •••  |  |
| 2131000           | Pee Dee River at Peedee, South Carolina                                      | 8,830             | 9,871   | * 14,980                               | 195                                | 37   | 7,530              | 4,870                         | 30   |  |
| 2226000           | Altamaha River at Doctortown, Georgia  | 13,600            | 13,730  | 8,040                                  | 105                                | 50   | 5,540              | 3,580                         | 29   |  |
| 2320500           | Suwannee River at Branford, Florida  | 7,880             | 6,986   | 4,439                                  | 84                                 | -17  | 4,420              | 2,860                         | 30   |  |
| 2358000           | Apalachicola River at Chattahoochee, Florida                                 | 17,200            | 22,420  | 13,420                                 | 84                                 | -1   | 13,700             | 8,850                         | 30   |  |
| 2467000           | Tombigbee River at Demopolis lock and dam,<br>near Coatopa, Alabama.         | 15,385            | 23,520  | 8,288                                  | 113                                | 144  | 2,730              | 1,760                         | 30   |  |
| 2489500           | Pearl River near Bogalusa, Louisiana   | 6,573             | 9,880   | 4,024                                  | 101                                | 22   | 3,130              | 2,020                         | 30   |  |
| 3049500           | Allegheny River at Natrona, Pennsylvania                                     | 11,410            | 119,580   | † 14,154                               | 44                                 | -71  | 3,440              | 2,220                         | 29   |  |
| 03085000          | Monongahela River at Braddock, Pennsylvania                                  | 7,337             | 112,480   | 14,279                                 | 72                                 | -56  | 2,490              | 1,610                         | 29   |  |
| 03193000          | Kanawha River at Kanawha Falls, West Virginia                                | 8,367             | 12,550  | * 22,320                               | 318                                | 58   | 7,760              | 5,020                         | 29   |  |
| 3234500           | Scioto River at Higby, Ohio  | 5,131             | 4,583   | 3,167                                  | 105                                | 2  | 1,680              | 1,080                         | 30   |  |
| 3294500           | Ohio River at Louisville, Kentucky <sup>2</sup> #                            | 91,170            | 115,800   | 102,000                                | 163                                | -10  | 50,800             | 32,800                        | 28   |  |
| 3377500           | Wabash River at Mount Carmel, Illinois                                       | 28,635            | 27,660  | † 13,610                               | 66                                 | -25  | 15,800             | 10,200                        | 30   |  |
| 3469000           | French Broad River below Douglas Dam, Tennessee3 #.                          | 4,543             | 16,739  | * 110,700                              | 199                                | 6  | ***                | ***                           |      |  |
| 4084500           | Fox River at Rapide Croche Dam,<br>near Wrightstown, Wisconsin. <sup>2</sup> | 6,010             | 4,238   | 3,296                                  | 90                                 | -45  | 2,300              | 1,480                         | 30   |  |
| 14264331          | St. Lawrence River at Cornwall, Ontario,<br>near Massena, New York. 4 #      | 298,800           | 243,900   | 272,000                                | 97                                 | 0  | 262,000            | 169,000                       | 30   |  |
| 2NG001            | St. Maurice River at Grand Mere, Quebec                                      | 16,300            | 24,910  | 19,100                                 | 65                                 | -78  | 11,600             | 7,530                         | 30   |  |
| 05082500          | Red River of the North at Grand Forks, North Dakota                          | 30,100            | 2,593   | † 2,069                                | 50                                 | 0  | 1,960              | 1,270                         | 30   |  |
| 05133500          | Rainy River at Manitou Rapids, Minnesota                                     | 19,400            | 12,920  | 17,100                                 | 83                                 | -33  | 14,900             | 9,630                         | 24   |  |
| 05330000          | Minnesota River near Jordan, Minnesota                                       | 16,200            | 3,680   | 7,815                                  | 136                                | 13   | 12,700             | 8,210                         | 30   |  |
| 05331000          | Mississippi River at St. Paul, Minnesota#                                    | 36,800            | 111,020   | 13,570                                 | 81                                 | -23  | 21,200             | 13,700                        | 30   |  |
| 05365500          | Chippewa River at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin                                  | 5,650             | 5,149   | † 2,258                                | 43                                 | -58  | 2,400              | 1,550                         | 30   |  |
| 05407000          | Wisconsin River at Muscoda, Wisconsin  | 10,400            | 8,710   | † 4,660                                | 47                                 | -52  | 2,860              | 1,850                         | 25   |  |
| 05446500          | Rock River near Joslin, Illinois   | 9,549             | 6,080   | † 3,488                                | 60                                 | -50  | 2,810              | 1,820                         | 30   |  |
| 05474500          | Mississippi River at Keokuk, Iowa#   | 119,000           | 63,790  | † 49,670                               | 58                                 | -54  | 48,700             | 31,500                        | 30   |  |
| 06214500          | Yellowstone River at Billings. Montana                                       | 11,795            | 7,056   | † 19,730                               | 68                                 | 30   | 21,300             | 13,800                        | 30   |  |
| 06934500          | Missouri River at Hermann, Missouri#   | 524,200           | 80,880  | † 59,220                               | 69                                 | -8   | 52,200             | 33,700                        | 30   |  |
| 07289000          | Mississippi River at Vicksburg, Mississippi5 #                               | 1,140,500         | 584,000   | 482,300                                | 88                                 | -16  | 500,000            | 320,000                       | 29   |  |
| 07331000          | Washita River near Dickson, Oklahoma   | 7,202             | 1,402   | * 5,984                                | 434                                | 161  | 3,270              | 2,110                         | 28   |  |
| 08276500          | Rio Grande below Taos Junction Bridge,<br>near Taos, New Mexico.             | 9,730             | 742   | 1,003                                  | 138                                | -8   | 540                | 349                           | 30   |  |
| 9315000           | Green River at Green River, Utah   | 44,850            | 6,391   | † 4,300                                | 25                                 | -45  | ***                | ***                           |      |  |
| 1425500           | Sacramento River at Verona, California                                       | 21,251            | 19,430  | † 5,886                                | 52                                 | -1   | ***                | ***                           |      |  |
| 3269000           | Snake River at Weiser, Idaho   | 69,200            | 18,520  | † 5,710                                | 24                                 | -19  | 6,310              | 4,080                         | 30   |  |
| 13317000          | Salmon River at White Bird, Idaho  | 13,550            | 11,390  | † 8,910                                | 21                                 | -54  | 7,700              | 4,980                         | 30   |  |
| 3342500           | Clearwater River at Spalding, Idaho  | 9,570             | 15,510  | † 9,520                                | 24                                 | -66  | 6,940              | 4,480                         | 3    |  |
| 4105700           | Columbia River at The Dalles, Oregon <sup>6</sup> #                          | 237,000           | 1193,500  | † 1263,000                             | 55                                 | -13  | 160,000            | 103,000                       | 3    |  |
| 14191000          | Willamette River at Salem, Oregon  | 7,280             | 123,690   | † 14,066                               | 34                                 | -54  | 6,210              | 4,010                         | 3    |  |
| 15515500          | Tanana River at Nenana, Alaska   | 25,600            | 23,810  | * 67,850                               | 146                                | 167  | 64,200             | 41,500                        | 30   |  |
| 08MF005           | Fraser River at Hope, British Columbia                                       | 83,800            | 96,250  | 202,700                                | 82                                 | 20   | 190,000            | 123,000                       | 30   |  |

<sup>#</sup>Indicates stations excluded from the combination bar/line graph. See Explanation of Data.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Adjusted.

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2Records furnished by Corps of Engineers.

3Records furnished by Tennessee Valley Authority.

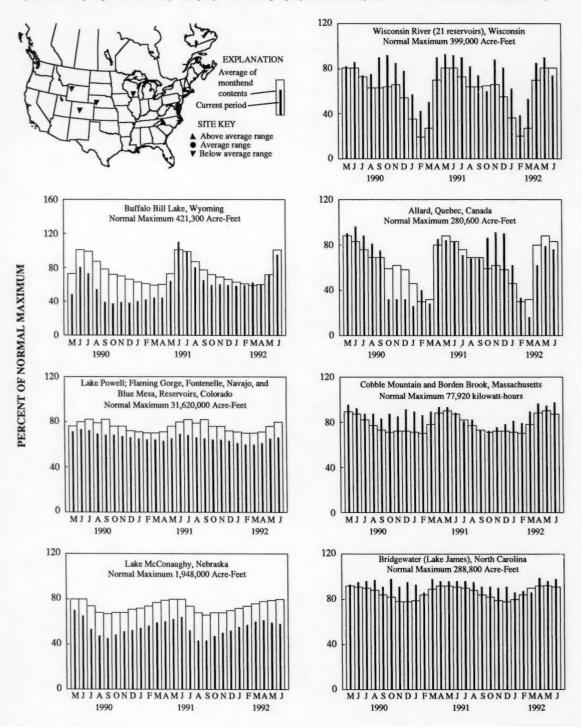
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5Records of daily discharge computed jointly by Corps of Engineers and Geological Survey.

6Discharge determined from information furnished by Bureau of Rectamation, Corps of Engineers, and Geological Survey.

### USABLE CONTENTS OF SELECTED RESERVOIRS NEAR END OF JUNE 1992

[Contents are example in percent of reservoir (system) capacity. The usable storage capacity of each reservoir (system) is shown in the column headed "Normal maximum"]



### USABLE CONTENTS OF SELECTED RESERVOIRS AND RESERVOIR SYSTEMS NEAR END OF JUNE 1992

[Contents are expressed in percent of reservoir or reservoir system capacity. The usable capacity of reservoir reservoir system is shown in the column headed "Normal maximum"]

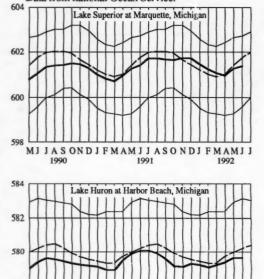
| Principal uses:<br>F-Flood control<br>I-Irrigation                      |              |          | of normal |          |                         | Principal uses:<br>F-Flood control<br>I-Irrigation             |              |           | of normal |           |                         |
|---|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|--|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| M-Municipal   | End          | End      | Average   | End      |                         | M-Municipal  | End          | End       |           | End       |                         |
| P-Power   | of           | of       | for       | of       | Normal                  | P-Power  | of           | of        | Average   | End<br>of | Normal                  |
| R-Recreation  | June         | June     | end of    | May      | maximum                 | R-Recreation   | June         | June      | end of    | May       | Maximum                 |
| W-Industrial  | 1992         | 1991     | June      | 1992     | (acre-feet)1            | W-Industrial   | 1992         | 1991      | June      | 1992      | (acre-feet)1            |
|   |              |          |           |          |                         |  |              |           |           |           |                         |
| NOVA SCOTIA<br>Rossignol, Mulgrave, Falls<br>Lake, St. Margaret's Bay,  |              |          |           |          |                         | NEBRASKA<br>Lake McConaughy (IP)                               | † 58         | 64        | 80        | 59        | 1,948,000               |
| Black, and Ponhook Reservoirs (P)                                       | † 51         | 62       | 71        | 60       | 2226,300                | OKLAHOMA<br>Eufaula (FPR)                                      | * 107        | 98        | 97        | 99        | 2,378,000               |
| Allard (P)  | +76          | 83       | 83        | 79       | 280,600                 | Keystone (FPR)   | * 111        | 89<br>103 | 103       | 81<br>104 | 661,000<br>628,200      |
| Gouin (P)   | 67           | 78       | 68        | 63       | 6,954,000               | Tenkiller Ferry (FPR)  | * 101<br>100 | 92<br>95  | 71<br>95  | 100<br>97 | 133,000<br>1,492,000    |
| MAINE Seven Reservoir Systems (MP)                                      | 91           | 87       | 86        | 89       | 4,107,000               | OKLAHOMA-TEXAS<br>Lake Texoma (FMPRW)                          | 107          | 106       | 102       | 103       | 2,722,000               |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE First Connecticut Lake (P)                                | 87           | 83       | 90        | 89       | 76,450                  | TEXAS  |              |           |           |           |                         |
| Lake Francis (FPR)  | 91           | 88       | 87        | 92       | 99 310                  | Bridgeport (IMW)   | * 97         | 94        | 58        | 97        | 386,400                 |
| Lake Winnipesaukee (PR)   | 94           | 85       | 96        | 89       | 99,310<br>165,700       | 1 Canvon (FMR)   | * 103        | 91        | 58<br>88  | 121       | 385,600                 |
| VERMONT   |              |          |           |          |                         | International Amistad (FIMPW)                                  | * 98         | 88        | 80        | 99        | 3,497,000               |
| VERMONT<br>Harriman (P)   | 85           | 70       | 83        | 83       | 116,200                 | International Falcon (FIMPW)                                   | * 99         | 52<br>100 | 63<br>93  | 103       | 2,668,000<br>1,788,000  |
| Somerset (P)  | 86           | 78       | 86        | 83       | 57,390                  | Possum Kingdom (IMPRW)   | 95           | 93        | 97<br>27  | 92        | 570,200                 |
|   |              |          |           |          |                         | Red Bluff (P)  | * 49         | 17        | 27        | 39        | 307,000                 |
| MASSACHUSETTS Cobble Mountain and                                       |              |          |           |          |                         | Toledo Bend (P)<br>Twin Buttes (FIM)                           | * 97         | 97<br>47  | 93<br>35  | 97<br>77  | 4,472,000<br>177,800    |
| Borden Brook (MP)   | * 97         | 88       | 87        | 94       | 77,920                  | Lake Kemp (IMW)  | • 99         | 101       | 93        | 94        | 268,000                 |
|   |              |          |           |          |                         | Lake Kemp (IMW)<br>Lake Meredith (FMW)<br>Lake Travis (FIMPRW) | * 43         | 34        | 37        | 37        | 796,900                 |
| NEW YORK  | 94           | 88       | 92        | 101      | 786,700                 | Lake Travis (FIMPRW)   | * 102        | 100       | 83        | 103       | 1,144,000               |
| Great Sacandaga Lake (FPR)  | 95           | 96       | 100       | 96       | 103,300                 | MONTANA  |              |           |           |           |                         |
| New York City Reservoir System (MW).                                    | 92           | 88       | 96        | 88       | 1,680,000               | Canyon Ferry (FIMPR)   | † 75         | 96        | 93        | 73        | 2,043,000               |
|   |              |          |           |          |                         | Fort Peck (FPR)  | † 58<br>† 76 | 63<br>92  | 87<br>93  | 59<br>76  | 18,910,000<br>3,451,000 |
| NEW JERSEY Wanaque (M)  | + 05         | 79       | 89        | 99       | 85,100                  | Hungry Horse (FIPR)  | 7 /0         | 92        | 93        | 10        | 3,451,000               |
|   | ,,,          | .,       | 0,        | ,,       | 05,100                  | WASHINGTON   |              |           |           |           |                         |
| PENNSYLVANIA  |              |          | 40        | 40       |                         | Ross (PR)  | 94           | 88        | 90        | 69        | 1,052,000               |
| Allegheny (FPR)   |              | 45<br>90 | 49<br>97  | 48<br>99 | 1,180,000<br>188,000    | Franklin D. Roosevelt Lake (IP)<br>Lake Chelan (PR)            | 94<br>97     | 101<br>91 | 98<br>96  | 73<br>68  | 5,022,000<br>676,100    |
| Raystown Lake (FR)  | 67           | 67       | 64        | 67       | 761,900                 | Lake Cushman (PR)  | 101          | 102       | 97        | 98        | 359,500                 |
| Raystown Lake (FR)  | 82           | 77       | 84        | 90       | 157,800                 | Lake Merwin (P)  | 101          | 104       | 104       | 102       | 245,600                 |
| MARYLAND  |              |          |           |          |                         | IDAHO  |              |           |           |           |                         |
| Baltimore Municipal System (M)  | 77           | 93       | 93        | 76       | 61,900                  | Boise River (4 Reservoirs) (FIP)                               | † 24         | 51        | 85        | 35        | 1,235,000               |
| NORTH CAROLINA  |              |          |           |          |                         | Coeur d'Alene Lake (P)   | * 98<br>98   | 95<br>98  | 85<br>97  | 97<br>75  | 238,500<br>1,561,000    |
| NORTH CAROLINA<br>Bridgewater (Lake James) (P)                          | * 98         | 96       | 91        | 96       | 288,800                 | Pend Oreille Lake (FP)   | 98           | 98        | 91        | /3        | 1,561,000               |
| Narrows (Badin Lake) (P)  | 93           | 94       | 96        | 95       | 128,900                 | IDAHO-WYOMING  |              |           |           |           |                         |
| High Rock Lake (P)  | * 86         | 85       | 79        | 81       | 234,800                 | Upper Snake River (8 Reservoirs) (MP)                          | † 50         | 89        | 84        | 64        | 4,401,000               |
| SOUTH CAROLINA  |              |          |           |          |                         | WYOMING  |              |           |           |           |                         |
| Lake Murray (P)   | * 92         | 94       | 81        | 94       | 1,614,000               | Boysen (FIP)   | † 72         | 104       | 88        | 67        | 802,000                 |
| Lakes Marion and Moultrie (P)   | * 90         | 89       | 76        | 85       | 1,777,000               | Buffalo Bill (IP)  | † 95         | 110       | 101       | 71        | 421,300                 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA-GEORGIA  |              |          |           |          |                         | Keyhole (F)  | † 13         | 25        | 48        | 13        | 193,800                 |
| Strom Thurmond Lake (FP)  | 74           | 87       | 71        | 74       | 1,730,000               | Glendo, and Guernsey Reservoirs (I)                            | † 44         | 56        | 67        | 43        | 3,056,000               |
|   |              |          |           |          |                         |  |              |           |           |           |                         |
| GEORGIA Burton (PR)   | 98           | 99       | 94        | 98       | 104,000                 | John Martin (FIR)  | 19           | 7         | 24        | 13        | 364,400                 |
| Sinclair (MPR)  |              | 91       | 89        | 89       | 214,000                 | Taylor Park (IR)   | † 81         | 96        | 93<br>75  | 72        | 106,200                 |
| Lake Sidney Lanier (FMPR)   | 64           | 66       | 64        | 62       | 1,686,000               | Colorado-Big Thompson Project (I)                              | † 69         | 69        | 75        | 61        | 730,300                 |
| ALABAMA   |              |          |           |          |                         | COLORADO RIVER STORAGE   |              |           |           |           |                         |
| Lake Martin (P)   | 97           | 98       | 92        | 99       | 1,375,000               | PROJECT  |              |           |           |           |                         |
| TENNECCEE VALLEY  |              |          |           |          |                         | Lake Powell; Flaming Gorge,                                    |              |           |           |           |                         |
| TENNESSEE VALLEY Clinch Projects: Norris and                            |              |          |           |          |                         | Fontenelle, Navajo, and<br>Blue Mesa Reservoirs (IFPR)         | † 66         | 69        | 80        | 65        | 31,620,000              |
| Melton Hill Lakes (FPR)   | * 70         | 78       | 62        | 66       | 2,293,000               |  |              |           |           |           |                         |
| Douglas Lake (FPR)  | * 82         | 85       | 68        | 82       | 1,395,000               | Bear Lake (IPR)  | † 27         | 41        | 71        | 32        | 1,421,000               |
| Hiwassee Projects: Chatuge,<br>Nottely, Hiwassee, Apalachia,            |              |          |           |          |                         |  | 1 40         | 41        | **        | 20        | -,,                     |
| Blue Ridge, Ocoee 3, and  |              |          |           |          |                         | CALIFORNIA   |              |           | -         |           | 1 000 000               |
| Blue Ridge, Ocoee 3, and<br>Parksville Lakes (FPR)                      | * 90         | 94       | 81        | 88       | 1,012,000               | Folsom (FIMPR)   | † 51<br>† 69 | 74<br>88  | 85<br>83  | 67<br>64  | 1,000,000<br>360,400    |
| Holston Projects: South Holston,<br>Watauga, Boone, Fort Patrick Henry, |              |          |           |          |                         | Hetch Hetchy (MP)  | † 25         | 30        | 50        | 26        | 568,100                 |
| and Cherokee Lakes (FPR)  | * 86         | 87       | 69        | 82       | 2,880,000               | Pine Flat (FIR)  | † 20         | 38        | 68        | 35        | 1,001,000               |
| Little Termessee Projects: Nantahala,                                   |              |          |           |          |                         | Clair Engle Lake (Lewiston) (FP)                               | † 42         | 48        | 87        | 46        | 2,438,000               |
| Thorpe, Fontana, and Chilhowee  | * 04         | 0.0      | 93        | 20       | 1 479 000               | Lake Almanor (P)   | * 83         | 81<br>43  | 69<br>81  | 82<br>37  | 1,036,000               |
| Lakes (FPR)   | * 94         | 94       | 82        | 78       | 1,478,000               | Millerton Lake (FI)  | † 59         | 79        | 81        | 89        | 503,200                 |
| WISCONSIN   |              |          |           |          |                         | Shasta Lake (FIPR)   | † 55         | 42        | 84        | 59        | 4,377,000               |
| Chippewa and Flambeau (PR)  | 88           | 94       | 87        | 92       | 365,000                 | CALIFORNIA NEVADA  |              |           |           |           |                         |
| Wisconsin River (21 Reservoirs) (PR)                                    | †74          | 92       | 81        | 90       | 399,000                 | CALIFORNIA-NEVADA Lake Tahoe (IMPRW)                           | +0           | 0         | 71        | 0         | 744,600                 |
| MINNESOTA   |              |          |           |          |                         |  | 1.0          |           |           |           |                         |
| Mississippi River Headwater   |              |          |           |          |                         | NEVADA   | 4.0          | 2         | 63        | 0         | 104 300                 |
| System (FMR)  | 37           | 43       | 39        | 38       | 1,640,000               | Rye Patch (I)  | 10           | 2         | 63        | U         | 194,300                 |
| NORTH DAKOTA  |              |          |           |          |                         | ARIZONA-NEVADA   |              |           |           |           |                         |
| Lake Sakakawca (Garrison) (FIPR)  | † 63         | 66       | 87        | 60       | 22,700,000              | Lake Mead and Lake Mohave (FIMP)                               | 75           | 75        | 75        | 76        | 27,970,000              |
| SOUTH DAKOTA  |              |          |           |          |                         | ARIZONA  |              |           |           | _         | 000.00                  |
| Angostura (I)   | <b>†76</b>   | 92       | 85<br>71  | 76       | 130,770                 | San Carlos (IP)  | * 72         | 48        | 25        | 77<br>84  | 935,100                 |
| Belle Fourche (I)   | + 31         | 61       | 71        | 36       | 185,200                 | Salt and Verde River System (IMPR)                             | * 79         | 91        | 51        | 34        | 2,019,100               |
| Lake Francis Case (FIP)<br>Lake Oahe (FIP)                              | † 78<br>† 63 | 77<br>67 | 86<br>75  | 76<br>64 | 4,589,000<br>22,240,000 | NEW MEXICO   |              |           |           |           |                         |
| Lake Sharpe (FIP)   | 102          | 102      | 101       | 102      | 1,697,000               | Conchas (FIR)  | * 95         | 52        | 82        | 93        | 315,700                 |
| Lewis and Clark Lake (FIP)  | † 88         | 81       | 94        | 88       | 432,000                 | Elephant Butte and Caballo (FIPR)                              | • 92         | 70        | 45        | 92        | 2,394,000               |

<sup>11</sup> acre-foot = 0.04356 million cubic feet = 0.326 million gallons = 0.504 cubic feet per second per day.
2Thousands of kilowatt-hours ( the potential electric power that could be generated by the volume of water in storage).

<sup>\*</sup> Above-average range † Below-average range

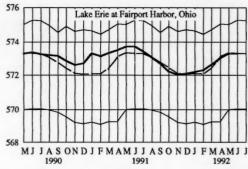
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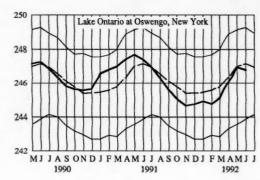
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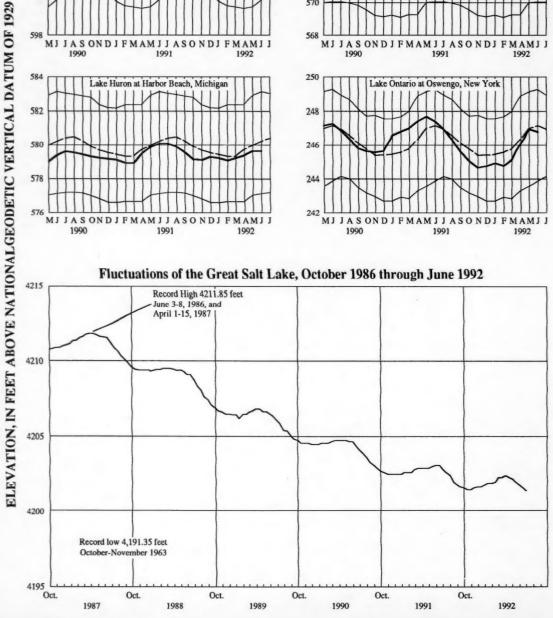
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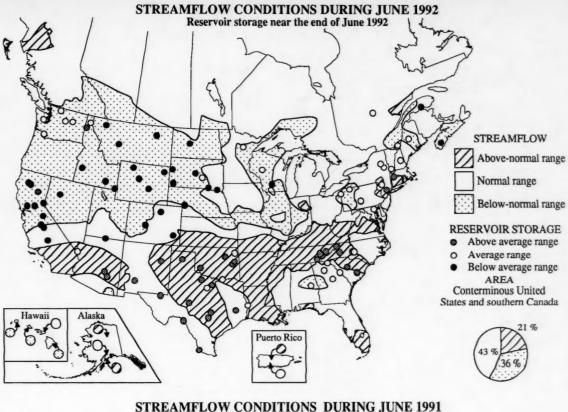
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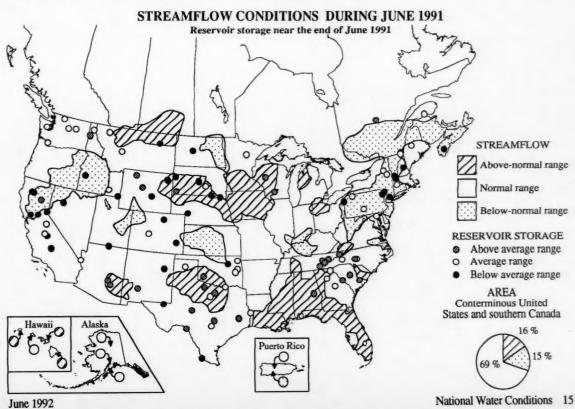


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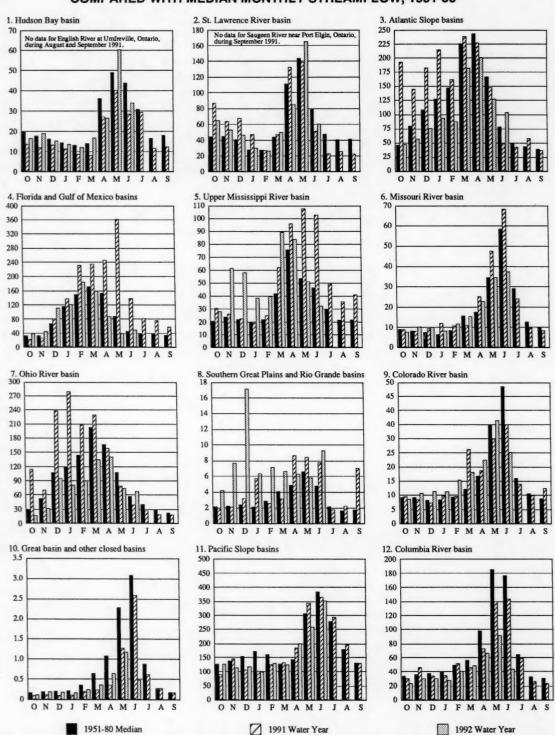
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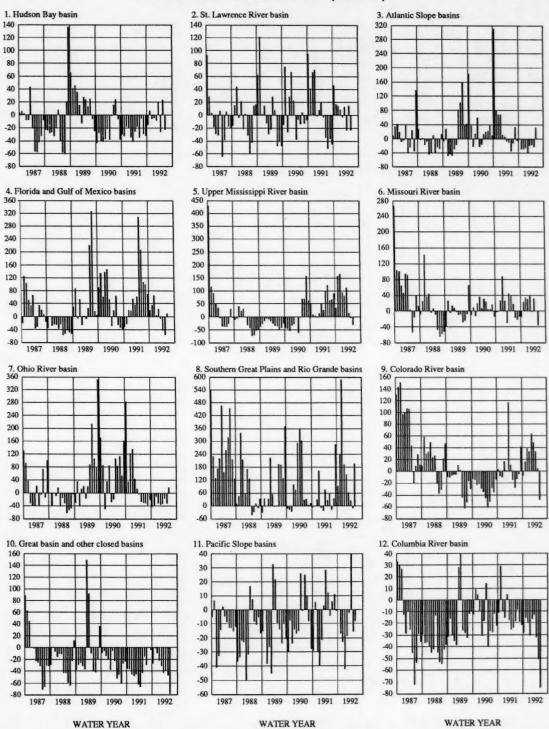
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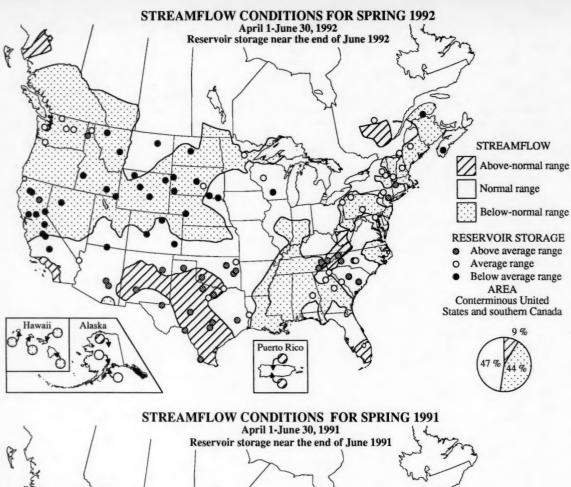
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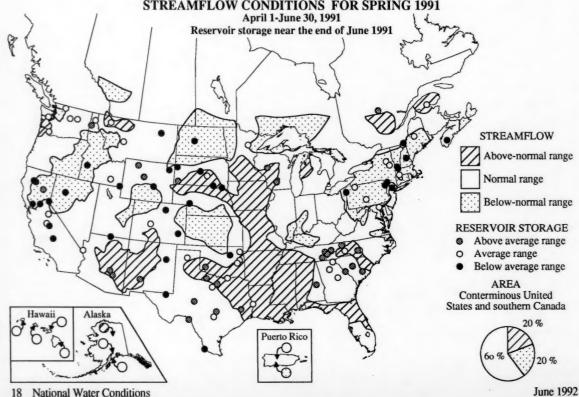
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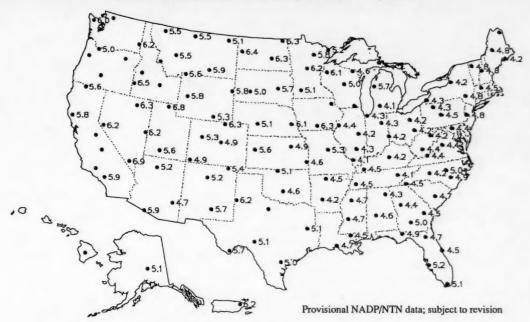


PERCENT DEPARTURE FROM 1951-80 MEDIAN STREAMFLOW





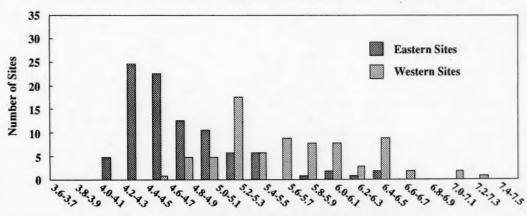
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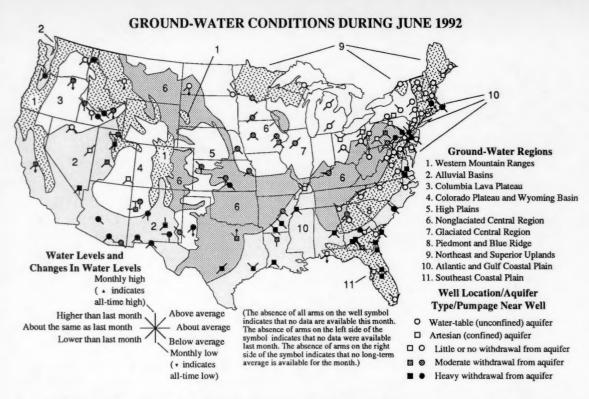
Current pH data shown on the map (• 4.9) are precipitation-weighted means calculated from preliminary laboratory results provided by the NADP/NTN Central Analytical Laboratory at the Illinois State Water Survey and are subject to change. The 128 points (\*) shown on this map represent a subset of all sites chosen to provide relatively even geographic spacing. Absence of a pH value at a site indicates either that there was no precipitation or that data for the site did not meet preliminary screening criteria for this provisional report.

A list of the approximately 200 sites comprising the total Network and additional data for the sites are available from the NADP/NTN Coordination Office, Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523.

Distribution of precipitation-weighted mean pH for all NADP/NTN sites having one or more weekly samples for May 25-June 21, 1992. The East/West dividing line is at the western borders of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana.



Range of Precipitation-Weighted Mean pH



New extremes occurred at 25 index wells (see table on page 22) during June-21 lows (including 8 all-time) and 4 highs (including 2 all-time)-compared with 32 new extremes last month. Graphs showing water levels at seven stations—for wells in the Alluvial Basins region in Utah, Columbia Lava Plateau region in Oregon, the Nonglaciated Central region in Texas, the Piedmont and Blue Ridge region in North Carolina, the Northeast and Superior Uplands region in Michigan, and the Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain region in Tennessee and New Jersey for the past 26 months are on page 23.

Ground-water levels in the Western Mountain Ranges region were at or below last month's levels and below long-term average throughout the Region. An all-time low occurred in the Cretaceous aquifer well near Helena, Montana.

In the Alluvial Basins region, levels were at or below last month's levels throughout the Region. Levels were below long-term average in California, Utah, Arizona, and Texas; above average in Oregon; and mixed elsewhere. June lows occurred in wells in California, Nevada, Utah (see first graph on page 23), and New Mexico. An all-time low occurred in the Mehrten aquifer in Wilton, California. A June high occurred in one well in New Mexico.

In the Columbia Lava Plateau region, water levels were below last month's in Oregon and mixed with respect to last month's in Idaho. Levels were below long-term averages throughout the Region. June lows occurred in wells in Idaho and Oregon. All-time lows occurred in the Snake River Plain aquifer well near Atomic City, Idaho, and in the Columbia River basalts aquifer at Pendleton, Oregon (see second graph on page 23).

Ground-water levels were at or below last month's levels throughout the Colorado Plateau and Wyoming Basin region. Levels were below long-term average in Utah and mixed with respect to average in New Mexico. A June low occurred in one well and a June high occurred in one well in New Mexico.

In the High Plains region, water levels were below last month's levels in Texas and above last month's levels in Kansas and New Mexico. Levels were below long-term average throughout the Region. A June low occurred in the well in Kansas and an all-time low level occurred in the Ogallala aquifer well near Lubbock, Texas.

Water levels in the Nonglaciated Central region were generally below last month's levels in North Dakota and most of Pennsylvania and at or above last month's levels elsewhere. Water levels were above long-term averages in Texas, Kentucky, Maryland, West Virginia, and Georgia; and at or below average elsewhere. A June low occurred in a well in Kansas and an all-time low occurred in Sentinel Butte aquifer near Dickinson, North Dakota. All-time highs occurred in the Twin Mountains (Trinity) aquifer near

# WATER LEVELS IN KEY OBSERVATION WELLS IN SOME REPRESENTATIVE AQUIFERS IN THE CONTERMINOUS UNITED STATES-JUNE 1992

| GROUND-WATER REGION   | Aquifer type<br>and local<br>aquifer | Depth<br>of well<br>in | Water level<br>in feet<br>below land- | Departure<br>from  | Net change |       | Year<br>records<br>began |               |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Aquifer and Location  | pumpage                              | feet                   | surface datum                         | average<br>in feet | Last month |       |                          | Remarks       |
| WESTERN MOUNTAIN RANGES (1)   |                                      |                        |                                       |                    |            |       |                          |               |
| Rathdrum Prairie aquifer near Athol, northern Idaho<br>ALLUVIAL BASINS (2)                      | •                                    | 485                    | 463.3                                 | -3.5               | -0.4       | -4.8  | 1929                     |               |
| Alluvial valley fill aquifer in Steptoe Valley, Nevada  |                                      | 122                    | 8.89                                  | 3.13               | 60         | -1.04 | 1949                     |               |
| Valley fill aquifer, Elfrida area near Douglas, Arizona   |                                      | 124                    | 101.15                                | -16.56             | 05         | .97   | 1947                     |               |
| Hueco bolson aquifer at El Paso, Texas  | •                                    | 640                    | 271.71                                | -16.31             | 21         | 2.44  | 1964                     |               |
| COLUMBIA LAVA PLATEAU (3)   |                                      |                        |                                       |                    |            |       |                          |               |
| Snake River Plain aquifer near Eden, Idaho  | •                                    | 208                    | 125.2                                 | -1.2               | 3.1        | 1.9   | 1962                     |               |
| Columbia River basalts aquifer, Pendleton, Oregon<br>COLORADO PLATEAU AND WYOMING BASIN (4)     |                                      | 1,501                  | 228.22                                | -40.49             | -2.53      | -9.27 | 1965                     | All-time low  |
| Dakota aquifer near Blanding, Utah  |                                      | 140                    | 50.16                                 | -4.12              | 40         | -1.41 | 1960                     |               |
| HIGH PLAINS (5)   |                                      |                        |                                       |                    |            |       |                          |               |
| Ogallala aquifer near Colby, Kansas   |                                      | 175                    | 131.43                                | -12.26             | .22        | -1.25 | 1947                     | June low      |
| Southern High Plains aquifer, Lovington, New Mexico   |                                      | 212                    | 58.83                                 | -4.17              | .15        | 1.42  | 1971                     |               |
| NONGLACIATED CENTRAL REGION (6)   |                                      |                        |                                       |                    |            |       |                          |               |
| Sentinel Butte aquifer near Dickinson, North Dakota   | 0                                    | 160                    | 22.03                                 | -4.73              | 21         | 71    | 1968                     | All-time low  |
| Sand and gravel Pleistocene aquifer near<br>Valley Center, Kansas                               | •                                    | 54                     | 19.76                                 | -2.74              | 1.26       | .62   | 1937                     |               |
| Glacial outwash sand and gravel aquifer near<br>Louisville, Kentucky                            |                                      | 94                     | 18.40                                 | 5.60               | 04         | -1.83 | 1945                     |               |
| Upper Pennsylvanian aquifer in the Central  | 0                                    | 25                     | 11.55                                 | 5.29               | .36        | 2.75  | 1953                     | All-time high |
| Appalachians Plateau near Glenville, West Virginia<br>GLACIATED CENTRAL REGION (7)              |                                      |                        |                                       |                    |            |       |                          |               |
| Fluvial sand and gravel aquifer, Platte River Valley,<br>near Ashland, Nebraska                 | •                                    | 12                     | 6.12                                  | -1.63              | 45         | -2.97 | 1933                     |               |
| Sheyenne Delta aquifer near Wyndmere, North Dakota  | 0                                    | 40                     | 3.98                                  | .09                | 3.18       | 2.87  | 1963                     |               |
| Pleistocene (glacial drift) aquifer at Princeton in<br>northern Illinois                        |                                      | 29                     | 6.90                                  | 2.24               | 62         | 08    | 1942                     |               |
| Shallow drift aquifer near Roscommon in north-centra<br>part of Lower Peninsula, Michigan       | 0                                    | 14                     | 3.85                                  | .37                | 42         | .04   | 1934                     |               |
| Silurian-Devonian carbonate aquifer near Dola, Ohio PIEDMONT AND BLUE RIDGE (8)                 |                                      | 51                     | 6.38                                  | .44                | .27        | .42   | 1954                     |               |
| Water-table aquifer in Petersburg Granite, southeastern<br>Piedmont, Colonial Heights, Virginia | 0                                    | 100                    | 15.40                                 | 0                  | 44         | .61   | 1939                     |               |
| Weathered granite aquifer, western Piedmont,<br>Mocksville area, North Carolina                 | 0                                    | 31                     | 15.48                                 | 2.17               | .16        | 92    | 1981                     |               |
| Surficial aquifer at Griffin, Georgia<br>NORTHEAST AND SUPERIOR UPLANDS (9)                     | 0                                    | 30                     | 16.45                                 | -1.67              | .02        | -1.89 | 1943                     |               |
| Pleistocene glacial outwash aquifer, at<br>Camp Ripley, near Little Falls, Minnesota            |                                      | 59                     | 15.31                                 | -1.50              | .12        | 79    | 1949                     |               |
| Glacial outwash sand aquifer at Oxford, Maine   | 0                                    | 39                     | 8.24                                  | 29                 | 36         | 07    | 1980                     |               |
| Shallow sand aquifer (glacial deposits),<br>Acton, Massachusetts                                | •                                    | 34                     | 18.87                                 | 71                 | 39         | .07   | 1965                     |               |
| Pleistocene sand aquifer near Morrisville, Vermont<br>ATLANTIC AND GULF COASTAL PLAIN (10)      | 0                                    | 50                     | 19.72                                 | 99                 | 93         | 64    | 1966                     |               |
| Columbia deposits aquifer near Camden, Delaware   | 0                                    | 11                     | 7.65                                  | -1.66              | .02        | 21    | 1950                     |               |
| Memphis sand aquifer near Memphis, Tennessee  |                                      | 384                    | 107.58                                | -17.38             | 44         | -1.54 | 1940                     |               |
| Eutaw aquifer in the City of<br>Montgomery, Alabama   | -                                    | 270                    | 26.4                                  | -3.8               | -3.0       | -3.7  | 1952                     |               |
| Evangeline aquifer at Houston, Texas<br>SOUTHEAST COASTAL PLAIN (11)                            |                                      | 1,152                  | 282.52                                | 16.46              | 1.43       | 19.27 | 1978                     |               |
| Upper Floridan aquifer on Cockspur Island,<br>Savannah area, Georgia                            |                                      | 348                    | 34.22                                 | -5.62              | 71         | 19    | 1956                     |               |
| Upper Floridan aquifer, Jacksonville, Florida   |                                      | 905                    | -21.4                                 | -5.4               | 2          | -1.0  | 1930                     |               |
| Biscayne aquifer near Homestead, Florida  | Ō                                    | 20                     | 5.77                                  | 1.02               | 2.51       | .07   | 1932                     |               |

Hurst/Fort Worth, Texas, and in the Upper Pennsylvanian aquifer near Glenville, West Virginia. Water levels in the Edwards aquifer at San Antonio, Texas, are shown in the third graph on page 23.

Ground-water levels in the Glaciated Central region were above last month's in North Dakota; mixed in Ohio and New York; and below last months levels elsewhere. Levels were at or above long-term averages in North Dakota,

Minnesota, Illinois, and Michigan; mixed in Ohio; and below average elsewhere in the Region. June lows occurred in wells in South Dakota, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

In the Piedmont and Blue Ridge region, ground-water levels were above last month's in North Carolina and New Jersey; mixed in Pennsylvania and Virginia; and below last month's in Maryland and Georgia. Water levels were at or below long-term averages in Maryland and Georgia; above

### NEW EXTREMES DURING JUNE AT GROUND-WATER INDEX STATIONS

|  |  |  |               | End-of-month water level in feet below land surface datum |         |                |           |  |  |
|--|--|--|---------------|---|---------|----------------|-----------|--|--|
|  |  |  | Depth of well |   |         |                |           |  |  |
| WRD<br>Station<br>Identification<br>Number | GROUND-WATER REGION Aquifer and Location   | Aquifer<br>type and<br>local<br>aquifer<br>pumpage |               | Years<br>of<br>record                                     | Average | Extreme (year) | June 1992 |  |  |
|  | LOW WA   | TER LEVEL  | S             |   |         |                |           |  |  |
|  | WESTERN MOUNTAIN RANGES  |  |               |   |         |                |           |  |  |
| 63906112043901                             | Cretaceous aquifer near Helena, Montana ALLUVIAL BASINS                                  |  | 110           | 16  | 29.41   | 36.75 (1988)   | 138.41    |  |  |
| 324340104231701                            | Roswell Basin shallow aquifer at Dayton, New Mexico                                      | •  | 250           | 41  | 92.61   | 122.96 (1991)  | 123.08    |  |  |
| 51051106395301                             | Basin-fill aquifer at Albuquerque, New Mexico  |  | 980           | 10  | 34.90   | 37.69 (1991)   | 38.41     |  |  |
| 61611115151301                             | Valley-fill aquifer near Las Vegas, Nevada   |  | 905           | 47  | 36.70   | 103.33 (1991)  | 104.14    |  |  |
| 882444121123301                            | Mehrten aquifer near Wilton, California  | 223  | 300           | 6   | 135.30  | 138.33 (1991)  | 1141.50   |  |  |
| 03803111505301                             | Basin-fill aquifer near Holladay, Utah   |  | 165           | 14  | 71.83   | 87.04 (1991)   | 90.16     |  |  |
|  | COLUMBIA LAVA PLATEAU  |  |               |   |         |                |           |  |  |
| 25635114382302                             | Snake River Plain aquifer at Gooding, Idaho  | 0  | 165           | 21  | 136.1   | 148.2 (1991)   | 150.0     |  |  |
| 132700112470801                            | Snake River Plain aquifer near Atomic City, Idaho  |  | 636           | 43  | 585.1   | 587.8 (1981)   | 1589.1    |  |  |
| 33852116244801                             | Shallow alluvium aquifer near Meridian, Idaho  |  | 32            | 51  | 5.5     | 8.4 (1953)     | 8.5       |  |  |
| 153934118491701                            | Columbia River basalts aquifer at Pendleton, Oregon COLORADO PLATEAU AND WYOMING BASIN   |  | 1,501         | 26  | 187.73  | 218.95 (1991)  | 1228.22   |  |  |
| 352023107473201                            | Westwater Canyon aquifer near Grants-Bluewater, New Mexico HIGH PLAINS                   |  | 155           | 37  | 72.88   | 78.65 (1991)   | 79.79     |  |  |
| 341010102240801                            | Ogallala aquifer near Lubbock, Texas   | •  | 202           | 42  | 58.72   | 91.97 (1991)   | 194.00    |  |  |
| 392329101040201                            | Ogallala aquifer near Colby, Kansas<br>NONGLACIATED CENTRAL REGION                       |  | 175           | 46  | 119.17  | 130.18 (1991)  | 131.43    |  |  |
| 375810097324301                            | Equus aquifer near Halstead, Kansas  |  | 57            | 53  | 23.40   | 38.70 (1991)   | 39.93     |  |  |
| 410538080280801                            | Sandstone and shale aquifer at Pulaski State Game Land 150 near<br>Pulaski, Pennsylvania |  | 150           | 25  | 16.61   | 18.09 (1988)   | 18.33     |  |  |
| 465755102410701                            | Sentinel Butte aquifer near Dickinson, North Dakota<br>GLACIATED CENTRAL REGION          | 0  | 160           | 24  | 17.30   | 21.32 (1991)   | 122.03    |  |  |
| 411401081025000                            | Pennsylvanian sandstone aquifer near Windham, Ohio ATLANTIC AND GULF COASTAL PLAIN       |  | 55            | 47  | 18.88   | 21.39 (1988)   | 22.62     |  |  |
| 303108087162301                            | Sand and gravel aquifer at Ensley, Florida   |  | 239           | 53  | 74.33   | 82.64 (1975)   | 183.67    |  |  |
| 322357092341701                            | Sparta aquifer near Ruston, Louisiana  |  | 703           | 19  | 223.58  | 236.70 (1991)  | 237.49    |  |  |
| 372506076511703                            | Upper Potomac aquifer near Toano, Virginia<br>SOUTHEAST COASTAL PLAIN                    |  | 401           | 8   | 158.60  | 161.37 (1990)  | 1163.90   |  |  |
| 281715082164401                            | Upper Floridan aquifer near San Antonio, Florida   |  | 150           | 29  | 41.57   | 48.32 (1991)   | 50.47     |  |  |
| ***  | HIGH WA  | TER LEVEL  | S             |   |         |                |           |  |  |
|  | COLORADO PLATEAU AND WYOMING BASIN   |  |               |   |         |                |           |  |  |
| 351651107594501                            | San Andres-Yeso aquifer at Bluewater, New Mexico ALLUVIAL BASINS                         |  | 505           | 47  | 110.33  | 99.94 (1946)   | 99.34     |  |  |
| 332615104303601                            | Roswell Basin artesian aquifer at Roswell, New Mexico<br>NONGLACIATED CENTRAL REGION     |  | 324           | 26  | 61.88   | 47.60 (1991)   | 38.70     |  |  |
| 324842097102901                            | Twin Mountains (Trinity) aquifer near Hurst/Fort Worth, Texas                            |  | 667           | 15  | 458.11  | 441.20 (1991)  | 2438.03   |  |  |
|  | Upper Pennsylvanian aquifer near Glenville, West Virginia                                | Õ  | 25            | 39  | 16.84   | 12.95 (1990)   | 211.55    |  |  |

1 All-time month-end low.

<sup>2</sup>All-time month-end high.

long-term averages in North Carolina and New Jersey; and mixed in Pennsylvania and Virginia. Water levels in the Weathered gneiss saprolite aquifer at Blantyre, North Carolina, are shown in the fourth graph on page 23.

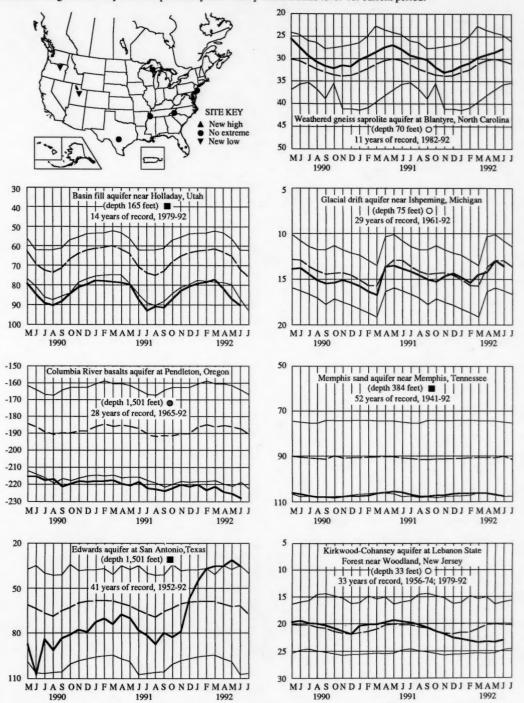
In the Northeast and Superior Uplands region, groundwater levels were above last month's levels in Minnesota and below last month's levels elsewhere in the Region. Water levels were below average throughout the Region except in Connecticut where levels were mixed. Water levels in the Glacial drift aquifer near Ishpeming Michigan, are shown in the fifth graph on page 23.

In the Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain region, groundwater levels were at or above last month's in Massachusetts, Delaware, North and South Carolina, Kentucky, and Texas; mixed in New Jersey, Virginia, Georgia, Arkansas, and Louisiana; and below last month's levels in Alabama, Florida, and Tennessee. Ground-water levels were above long-term averages in Kentucky, and Texas; mixed in Georgia; and below average elsewhere. A June low occurred in a well in Arkansas. All-time lows occurred in wells in the Upper Potomac aquifer near Toano, Virginia, and in the sand and gravel aquifer at Ensley, Florida. Water levels in the Memphis sand aquifer near Memphis, Tennessee, and the Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer at Lebanon State Forest near Woodland, New Jersey, are shown in the sixth and seventh graphs, respectively, on page 23.

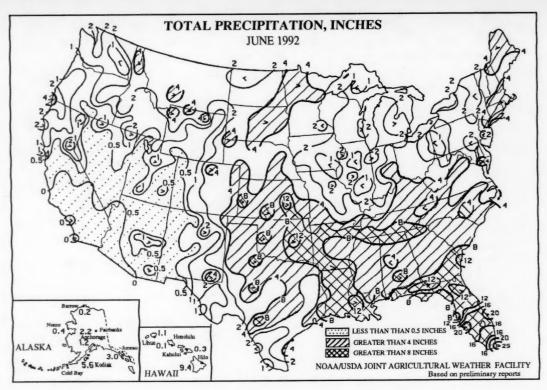
In the Southeast Coastal Plain region, water levels were generally above last month's levels in Florida and mixed with respect to last month's in Georgia. Levels were mixed with respect to long-term average throughout the Region. A June low water level occurred in one well in Florida.

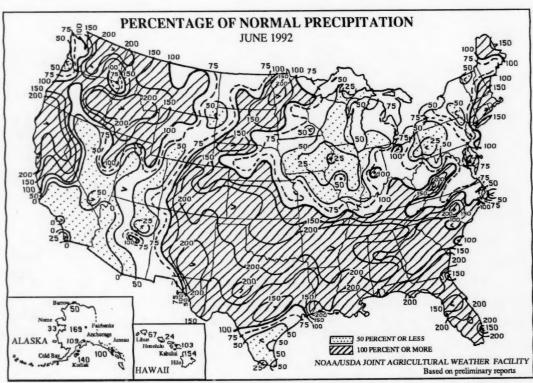
### MONTHEND GROUND-WATER LEVELS IN SELECTED WELLS

Area between light-weight solid lines indicates range between highest and lowest record for the month. Dashed line indicates average of monthly levels in previous years. Heavy line indicates level for current period.



WATER LEVEL, FEET BELOW LAND-SURFACE DATUM

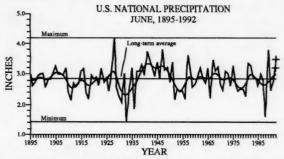




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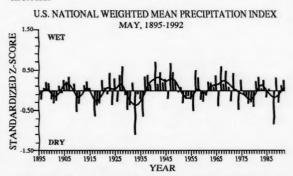
### UNITED STATES JUNE CLIMATE IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Preliminary data indicate that temperature averaged across the contiguous United States was below the long-term mean, ranking June 1992 as the 23rd coolest June on record (the record begins in 1895). This is a departure from the unusual warmth that dominated most of the previous six Junes. About 23 percent of the country averaged much cooler than normal while about 9 percent averaged much warmer than normal for June 1992.



Areally-averaged precipitation for the nation (see graph above) was above the long-term mean, ranking June 1992 as the 11th wettest (88th driest) June on record. The preliminary value for precipitation is estimated to be accurate to within 0.15 inch and the confidence interval is plotted in the graph above as a '+'. About 22 percent of the country experienced much wetter than normal conditions and about 11.percent was much drier than normal.

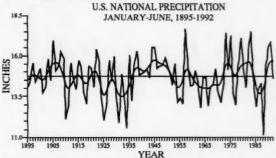
Historical precipitation is shown in a different way in the graph below. The June precipitation for each climate division in the contiguous U.S. was first standardized using the gamma distribution over the 1951-80 period. These gamma-standardized values were then weighted by area and averaged to determine a national standardized precipitation value. Negative values are dry, positive are wetter than the mean. This index gives a more accurate indication of how precipitation across the country compares to the local normal climate. The areally-weighted mean standardized national precipitation ranked 1992 as the 24th wettest June



The temperature and precipitation rankings for June 1992 for the nine climatically homogeneous regions in the United States indicate that the overall precipitation pattern consisted of dry conditions (rankings in the lower third of the historical distribution) in the northeastern third of the country and wet conditions (rankings in the upper third of the distribution) along the southern and western edges of the country. Considerable variations in precipitation occurred, with the East North Central region having the seventh driest June on record while the Southeast and South regions each had the fourth wettest June on record. There was a pronounced west (hot) to east (cool) pattern in June temperatures, which was also characterized by extremes on each end of the scale. The Northwest region, dominated by an upper-level ridge in the atmospheric circulation, had the fourth hottest June on record. An upper-level trough dominated the mean circulation in the eastern U.S., giving the Central and South regions the ninth coolest June and the Southeast region the eleventh coolest June on record.

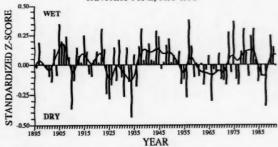
Eleven states (AL, DE, KS, KY, MD, NM, NC, OK, SC, TN, and VA) had the tenth coolest, or cooler, June on record. Three states (ID, OR, and WA) ranked in the top ten at the other end of the scale, with one (Washington) having the warmest June on record.

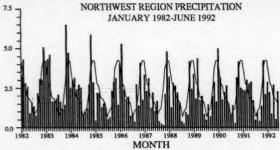
For the year thus far, the nation as a whole continued unusually warm, with January-June 1992 ranking as the fifth warmest such period on record. About 37 percent of the country had January-June average temperatures much warmer than normal while about 3 percent averaged much cooler than normal. This is a decrease in year-to-date warmth (and increase in year-to-date coolness) when compared to the January-May statistics, testifying to the magnitude and extent of the June cool temperatures. Two States, Montana and Washington, had the warmest January-June on record. Although none of the States ranked in the top ten coolest category, four States (AL, FL, GA, and SC) had rankings in the cool third of the historical distribution.



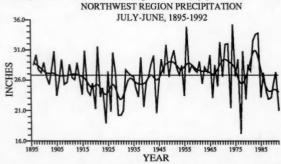
Precipitation averaged across the contiguous U.S., for the year thus far, ranks 1992 in the middle of the historical distribution at 44th driest (55th wettest). (See graph above.) When the local normal climate is taken into account, the year to date ranks as the 41st driest such period on record. (See graph below.) About 13 percent of the nation averaged much wetter than normal while about 20 percent averaged much drier than normal. January-June precipitation rankings for the 48 contiguous states show that eight States (ID, IL, IN, MI, MO, NJ, OH, and WI) had rankings in the top ten driest category, with Illinois ranking as the second driest. Three States (AZ, NM, and TX) ranked in the top ten wettest, with Texas having the wettest January-June on record.

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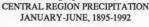


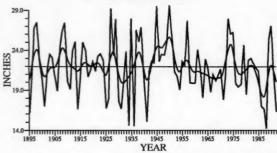


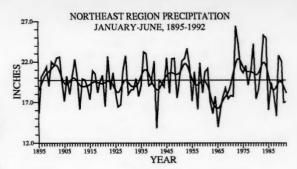
Monthly precipitation for January 1982 - June 1992 for the Northwest Region is shown above. Only three of the last twelve months have had above-normal precipitation, indicated by the bars above the normal line in the figure. Much of the rainy season had below-normal precipitation, resulting in the seventh driest July-June period on record for this region as shown on the graph below. The last eight July-June periods have been near to drier than the long-term mean, which is a departure from the predominantly wet conditions (indicated by the filtered curve in the graph below) which characterized the previous forty years.

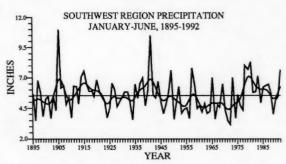


January-June precipitation for the Central region is shown in the first graph below. January-June 1992 ranked as the sixth driest such period on record for this region, marking a return to the unusual dryness that characterized the mid to late 1980's. January-June 1992 ranked as the fourteenth driest such period for the Northeast region (secondt graph below), marking the second consecutive year with below normal precipitation of a magnitude comparable to the dryness of the mid-1960's. At the other extreme, 1992 had the seventh wettest January-June for the Southwest region. (See last graph below.)









January-June 1992 ranked as the 35th coolest such period for the Southeast region. This marks a return to the cool temperatures which dominated the late 1950's to mid-1980's.

There was little change in national long-term drought conditions in June compared to May. The percent area of the contiguous U.S. experiencing severe to extreme long-term drought (as defined by the Palmer Drought Index) hovered at about 19 percent. The percent area experiencing long-term wet conditions has paralleled the drought trend for the last three months. The core drought areas appear to be focused in the Pacific Northwest and Ohio Valley, while the core wet areas were located in the southwestern states and river basins.

According to preliminary data from the National Weather Service, there were 421 tornadoes across the United States in June 1992, which is a record for June and compares to the 1953-1991 average of 156. The year-to-date total of 722 is above the long-term average of 522. It should be noted that the preliminary tornado count is generally higher than the final count. For example, the preliminary annual counts for 1990 and 1991 were about 20 percent higher than the final annual counts for those two years.

(From Climate Variations Bulletin, National Climatic Data Center, NOAA)

### Climate Regions Used by National Climatic Data Center



- 1. Northeast
- 2. East North Central
- 3. Central
- 4. Southeasr
- 5. West North Central
- 6. South
- 7. Southwest
- 8. Northwest
- 9. West

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### JUNE WEATHER SUMMARY

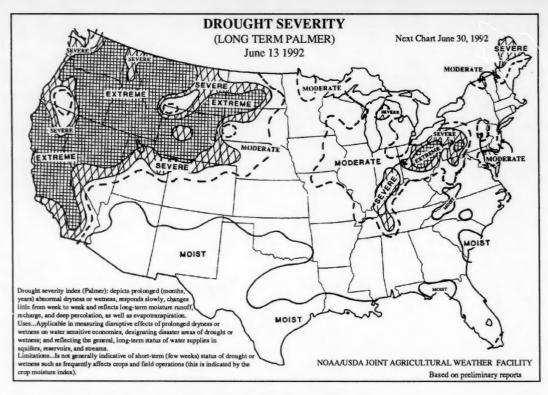
June 1992 showed two faces. During the first half of the month, storms crept across the southern Plains and into the Southeast. The two-week spate of rainfall pushed monthly rainfall to more than twice normal from New Mexico to Alabama, and held temperatures to May-like levels. During a mid-month transitional period, a powerful storm brought needed moisture to the Northwest and northern Plains. For the second half of the month, cool, mainly dry weather covered the East, allowing drought to retain its grip on the Com Belt. Meanwhile, oppressive heat developed in the Southern and Western States. Late in the month, a tropical depression brought copious rainfall to west central Florida.

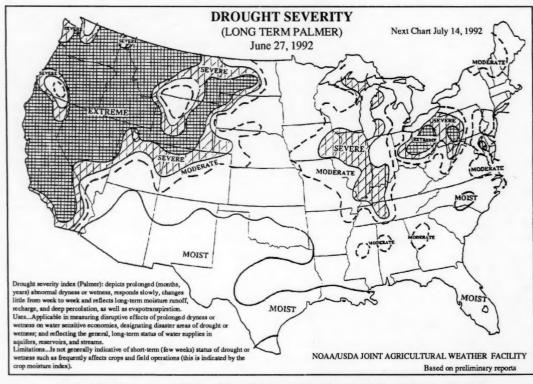
The early-month rainfall brought mixed returns. In the southern Plains, excessive moisture delayed the winter wheat harvest and adversely affected young cotton plants. But in the Southeast, rains eased concerns of incipient drought. One early-month storm turned northeastward and caused flooding from the Middle Atlantic region to New England between June 4 and 6. Up to 8 inches of rain soaked the central Appalachian foothills, and similar amounts pounded Connecticut.

A few cold airmasses skirted the Northern Tier States during the first half of the month, bringing scattered frost. Havre, MT, reached 29 °F on the 6th, and Bismarck, ND, dipped to 33 °F on the 7th. But the mid-month storm generated the coldest weather of the month, piling 1 foot of snow on Yellowstone National Park and sending the mercury to 22 °F in Ely, NV. The storm also brought the first

significant rainfall in 6 weeks to the Northwest, and eased drought in the northern Plains and the Com Belt. But the accompanying outbreak of more than 150 tomadoes was nature's most prodigious 3-day output since 1984, according to press reports. Despite the rain on the 17th in the northern Com Belt, dry, cool weather predominated during June. Eastern Iowa, northern Illinois, and northeastern Missouri remained critically dry through the end of June, having received less than 2 inches of rain since May 1.

The second half of the month was marked by a sharp northeast-to-southwest temperature contrast and scattered thunderstorms in the Southern States. Very cool weather blanketed the Northeast, with temperatures dropping to 32 °F in Muskegon and Marquette, MI, on the 22nd. More than 120 dally record lows were set during the cold snap, including 67 °F on the 22nd. A concurrent heat wave in the West set numerous records, including an all-time June record of 101°F in Seattle, WA. The collision of contrasting airmasses produced scattered daily thunderstorms from the Plains into the Southeast. In the eastern Gulf of Mexico, a cluster of thunderstorms developed into a tropical depression on the 25th and lasted 1 day before making landfall in west-central Florida. Up to 26 inches of rain deluged areas north of Ft. Myers, FL, and record flooding occurred on the Myakka River. At month's end, a significant storm punched into the Northwest and northern Plains, following a track similar to that of the mid-month storm.





(From Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin, NOAA/USDA Joint Agricultural Weather Facility)

### BUREAU OF RECLAMATION RESERVOIR STORAGE IN SELECTED RIVER BASINS JUNE 30, 1992

| River basin<br>number | Basin               | Storage, in<br>1,000 acre-feet | Percent of average | River basin<br>number | Basin                     | Storage, in<br>1,000 acre-feet | Percent of<br>average |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1                     | South Fork Flathead | 2,182                          | 77                 | 23                    | Bighorn                   | 2,165                          | 95                    |
| 2                     | Yakima              | 731                            | 73                 | 24                    | North Platte              | 1,326                          | 63                    |
| 3                     | Columbia            | 5,603                          | 100                | 25                    | Cheyenne                  | 258                            | 63                    |
| 4                     | Upper Snake         | 1,959                          | 54                 | 26                    | South Platte <sup>2</sup> | 719                            | 95                    |
| 5                     | Boise               | 237                            | 24                 | 27                    | Arkansas <sup>3</sup>     | 474                            | 118                   |
| 6                     | Payette             | 595                            | 77                 | 28                    | Upper Green 4             | 3,244                          | 187                   |
| 7                     | Owyhee              | 39                             | 6                  | 29                    | Gunnison 5                | 699                            | 184                   |
| 8                     | Malheur             | 1                              | 1                  | 30                    | San Juan 6                | 1,586                          | 194                   |
| 9                     | Umatilla            | 45                             | 51                 | 36                    | Upper Colorado 7          | 15,276                         | 163                   |
| 10                    | Deschutes           | 186                            | 45                 | 37                    | Klamath                   | 287                            | 37                    |
| 11                    | Rogue               | 41                             | 34                 | 38                    | Humboldt                  | 0                              | 0                     |
| 12                    | Tualatin            | 46                             | 92                 | 39                    | Truckee (excluding        | 92                             | 52                    |
| 13                    | Sacramento          | 2,411                          | 79                 |                       | Lake Tahoe)               |                                |                       |
| 14                    | Trinity             | 1,030                          | 53                 | 40                    | Carson                    | 24                             | 13                    |
| 15                    | Feather             | 1,747                          | 68                 | 41                    | Santa Ynez                | 176                            | 119                   |
| 16                    | American            | 467                            | 63                 | 42                    | Ventura                   | 199                            | 96                    |
| 17                    | San Joaquin         | 274                            | 75                 | 43                    | Republican                | 435                            | 69                    |
| 18                    | Stanislaus          | 232                            | 17                 | 44                    | Solomon                   | 242                            | 83                    |
| 19                    | Lower Colorado      | 21,695                         | 177                | 45                    | Niobrara                  | 93                             | 103                   |
| 21                    | Lower Rio Grande    | 2,563                          | 98                 | 46                    | Lower Platte              | 192                            | 108                   |
| 22                    | Upper Missouri      | 2,368                          | 84                 | 47                    | Washita                   | 255                            | 127                   |

[1 acre-foot = 0.04356 million cubic feet = 0.326 million gallons = 0.504 cubic feet per second per day. The percent of average storage refers to the average storage on that date over a historic period of record which varies by reservoir.]

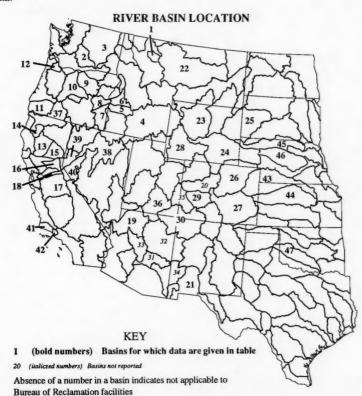
<sup>1</sup>Percent of storage capacity rather than percent of average.

<sup>2</sup>Includes Colorado River storage water for the Colorado Big-Thompson Project.

<sup>3</sup>Includes Fryingpan-Arkansas Project storage water.

<sup>4</sup>Flaming Gorge Dam storage water.

<sup>5</sup>Blue Mesa Dam storage water. <sup>6</sup>Navajo Reservoir storage water. <sup>7</sup>Lake Powell storage only.



(From Water Supply Conditions for the Western States, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation)

### **CALIFORNIA WATER CONDITIONS**

(From California Water Supply Outlook, California Department of Water Resources)

This year statewide precipitation has averaged 85 percent. The distribution of this precipitation, however, has been disadvantageous in some respects because the State's main water supply areas were among those most slighted.

Runoff so far this year has averaged only 43 percent in the State, ranging from 37 percent in the North Lahontan Region to 113 percent in the South Coastal Region. Our most important water supply basins, the Sacramento and San Joaquin, averaged 46 percent and 42 percent respectively.

Statewide reservoir storage on July 1 was 17.8 million acre-feet (maf): 61 percent of average and 47 percent of capacity. Last year's storage was 19.1 maf, or 1.3 maf higher than this year. Storage again ranges widely from only 13 percent of average in the North Lahontan Region to 117 percent of average in the South Coastal Region. By this fall California's big water systems, the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project, will have only minimal reserves left for next year.

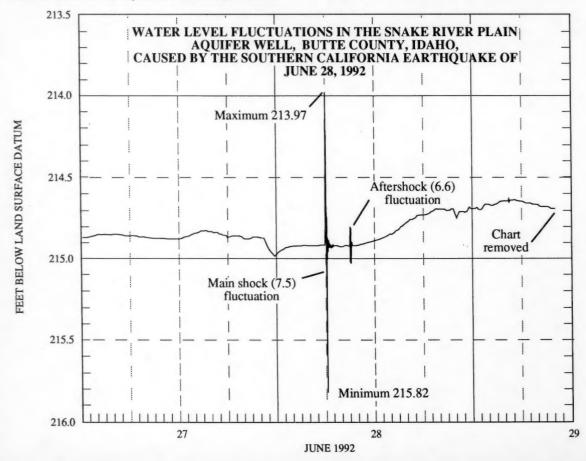
So what about next year? About 75 percent of average runoff overall would probably be enough to take care of most of next year's water needs. Remember, however, runoff was below 50 percent for 5 of the last 6 years and the wettest year 1989 was only about 70 percent. Historically, about 60 percent of the years provide 75+ percent or more runoff overall so the odds seem pretty good. Even so, the 75 percent threshold would not provide much storage recovery. In general, we would need about 110 percent of average runoff for recovery on most, but not all, reservoirs. About 30 percent of the years have been that wet. To a large extent, recovery of storage to average levels by next spring or early summer depends on the river's ratio of reservoir capacity to average runoff. There is little chance of recovery for reservoirs like New Melones and Berryessa whose watershed ratio exceeds two, while reservoirs whose watershed ratio is less than one, like Bullards Bar and Folsom, are more likely to fill to near average levels.

### EFFECTS OF CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKES ON GROUND-WATER LEVELS IN CALIFORNIA

A large number of aftershocks since the two June 28 earthquakes continue to occur in California and different effects on ground-water levels have been observed in two significantly different hydrogeological environments. In the Long Valley Caldera area near Mammoth Hot Springs in Mono County, three wells showed a water-level response to the earthquakes that ranged from a few hundredths of a foot to about 6 feet. In all cases, the water levels declined, which indicates aquifer dilation; the water level in the well that showed the 6-foot decline remained depressed for at least 30 minutes. In the Antelope Valley, water levels in a continually monitored piezometer showed a water-level rise of 0.6 foot. This increase persisted for over 24 hours before the water level in the piezometer started to decline.

### CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKES REFLECTED IN IDAHO GROUND-WATER LEVELS

The graph below is a reproduction of the chart from a recorder on a well in Idaho about 700 miles northeast of the epicenter of the June 28, 1992, southern California earthquake. The epicenter of the aftershock was offset slightly from that of the main shock and was almost an order of Richter magnitude less than that of the main shock. Thanks to Larry Mann of the Idaho Falls, Idaho, office.







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### **EXPLANATION OF DATA** (Revised December 1990)

Cover map shows generalized pattern of streamflow for the month based on provisional data from 186 index gaging stations-18 in Canada, 166 in the United States, and 2 in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico inset maps show streamflow only at the index gaging stations that are located near the point shown by the arrows. Classifications on map are based on comparison of streamflow for the current month at each index station with the flow for the same month in the 30-year reference period, 1951-80. Shorter reference periods are used for one Canadian index station, two Kansas index stations, and the Puerto Rico index stations because of the limited records available.

The streamflow ranges map shows where streamflow has persisted in the above- or below-normal range from last month to this month and also where streamflow is in the above- or below-normal range this month after being in a different range last month. Three pie charts show: the percent of stations reporting discharges in each flow range for both the conterminous United States and southern Canada, and also the percent of area in each flow range for the conterminous United States and southern Canada. The combination bar/line graph shows the percent departure of the total mean from the total median flow (1951-80) and the cumulative departure from median (in cfs) for all reporting stations (excluding eight large river stations indicated by # in the Flow of large rivers table) in the conterminous United States and southern Canada.

The comparative data are obtained by ranking the 30 flows for each month of the reference period in order of decreasing magnitude—the highest flow is given a ranking of 1 and the lowest flow is given a ranking of 30. Quartiles (25-percent points) are computed by averaging the 7th and 8th highest flows (upper quartile), 15th and 16th highest flows (middle quartile and median), and the 23rd and 24th highest flows (lower quartile). The upper and lower quartiles set off the highest and lowest 25 percent of flows, respectively, for the reference period. The median (middle quartile) is the middle value by definition. For the reference period, 50 percent of the flows are greater than the median, 50 percent are less than the median, 50 percent are between the upper and lower quartiles (in the normal range), 25 percent are greater than the upper quartile (above normal), and 25 percent are less than the lower quartile (below normal). Flow for the current month is then classified as: in the above-normal range if it is greater than the upper quartile, in the normal range if it is between the upper and lower quartiles, and in the below-normal range if it is less than the lower quartile. Change in flow from the previous month to the current month is classified as seasonal if the change is in the same direction as the change in the median. If the change is in the opposite direction of the change in the median, the change is classified as contraseasonal (opposite to the seasonal change). For example: at a particular index station, the January median is greater than the December median; if flow for the current January increased from December (the previous month), the increase is seasonal; if flow for the current January decreased from December, the decrease is contraseasonal.

Flood frequency analyses define the relation of flood peak magnitude to probability of occurrence or recurrence interval. Probability of occurrence is the chance that a given flood magnitude will be exceeded in any one year. Recurrence interval is the reciprocal of probability of occurrence and is the average number of years between occurrences. For example, a flood having a probability of occurrence of 0.01 (1 percent) has a recurrence interval of 100 years. Recurrence intervals imply no regularity of occurrence; a 100-year flood might be exceeded in consecutive years or it might not be exceeded in a 100year period.

Statements about ground-water levels refer to conditions near the end of the month. The water level in each observation well is compared with average level for the end of the month determined from the entire period of record for that well. Changes in ground-water levels, unless described otherwise, are from the end of the previous month to the end of the current month.

Dissolved solids and temperature data are given for five streamsampling sites that are part of the National Stream Quality Accounting Network (NASQAN). Dissolved solids are minerals dissolved in water and usually consist predominately of silica and ions of calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, carbonate, bicarbonate, sulfate, chloride, and nitrate. Dissolved-solids discharge represents the total daily amount of dissolved minerals carried by the stream. Dissolved-solids concentrations are generally higher during periods of low streamflow, but the highest dissolved-solids discharges occur during periods of high streamflow because the total quantities of water, and therefore total load of dissolved minerals, are so much greater than at times of low flow.

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